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MONTHLY REPORT

July, 1939

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
YELLOWSTONE PARK, WYOMING

August 5, 1939

Memorandum for the Director:

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for the month of July, 1939:

000 - General

010 - With the exception of the fire which broke out on the Mirror Plateau near White Lake on July 15, there were no unusual happenings of particular interest. The fire, however, considerably disrupted the entire organization requiring placing some 70[illegible] men from CCC camps and ERA crews on the fire line and necessitating the detailing of key men from important stations to the fire in supervisory capacities. The fire made the headlines in the newspapers throughout the country and the impression may have gotten out that there was some interference with travel. However, the fire was located in a section of the park not seen by visitors and there was no interference with travel nor danger to visitors. Despite any adverse impression which might have resulted from the publicity, travel continued even heavier than last year and the previous record season of 1937. Several other fires occurred at the same time the Mirror Plateau fire was burning but these were extinguished before they reached any large proportions.

The two fairs in New York and San Francisco have undoubtedly been responsible for an influx of visitors to the national parks as figures at the end of the month showed the Yellowstone 9.5% ahead in visitors over 1938 and 4.6% over the record-breaking year of 1937 to the end of July. The increase in automobiles over 1938 was 12% while rail travel showed a loss of 10.5%. One hundred seventy-one thousand nine hundred ninety persons entered the park during the month of July as against 161,455 in July last year. A total of 282,771 persons had come into the park to the end of July as against 258,275 to the same date last year.

Due to a provision in Section 6 of the Treasury-Post Office appropriation bill, approved May 6, 1939, it has become necessary to keep an accurate record of the number and weight of all pieces of mail sent out by all Government agencies which has necessitated revising our mailing lists for publicity, travel and nature notes. A report thereon must be submitted quarterly.

Dedicatory services in connection with the donation of two stained glass windows prepared and donated by Miss Jessie Van Brunt of Brooklyn, New York were held in the Mammoth Chapel on July 2.

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Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

020 - General Weather Conditions

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100 - Administrative

110 - Superintendent's Special Activities

Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park making numerous inspections into the interior and one trip outside to the Elkhorn Ranch on the Gallatin.

120 - Park Inspections

Charles L.Gable, Chief, Park Operators Division, NPS, Washington, D. C., in east July 1; out northeast July 7.

H. B. Hommon, Sr. Sanitary Engineer in Charge, U. S. Public Health Service, 112 Federal Office Bldg., San Francisco, in east July 1; out south July 6.

B. W. Matteson, Acting District Engineer, Public Roads Administration, Denver, in east July 6 on road matters.

Dr. M. G. Lloyd, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., in east July 14. Rendered assistance in connection with lightning protection for Mt. Washburn structure.

Bernard C. Schoenfeld, Script Writer, Department of the Interior, in west July 15; out west July 19.

Ward P. Webber, Engineering Department, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in west July 17; out east July 19.

C. T. Hanson, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, Denver; P. H. Besselievre, Inspector, Post Office Department, Casper; and Robert Dunbar, Post Office Inspector, Cheyenne, in east on July 17.

A. V. Williamson, Sr. Highway Engineer, Public Roads Administration, Denver, in south July 18.

Edwin B. Gittings, District Forecaster, U. S. Weather Bureau, Denver, Colorado, in July 20.

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O. C. Bradeen, Supply Officer, U. S. Forest Service, Missoula, Montana, in July 21; out July 22.

Miss Dorothea J. Lewis, Radio Script Writer, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in northeast July 21; out July 22.

Albert S. Anderson, Field Auditor, National Park Service, Region II, Omaha, left on July 21 after having spent over a month in the park auditing the CCC accounts.

Frank W. Childs, Regional Forester, Region II, Omaha, in west July 15; out south July 25.

R. G. Redell, Assistant Landscape Architect, National Park Service, Omaha, left via the south gate on July 26. Mr. Redell had been assigned to the Yellowstone since June 7.

L. F. Cook, Assistant Chief of Forestry, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in west July 15; out south July 25.

E. G. Bailey, Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Branch, Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho, in July 16 to make water gauge readings.

Ward W. Yeager, Associate Forester, Region III, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in north gate July 17; out north July 26. While here Mr. Yeager assisted on the Astringent Creek fire.

Ruth L. Burrier, Personal Stenographer to Director Cammerer, Washington, D. C., in July 23.

C. D. Monteith, Utility Expert, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in north July 23; out north July 27.

William Sourwine, Radio Technician, CCC, Glacier National Park, in west July 18; out north July 28. Mr. Sourwine aided with communications during the Astringent Creek fire.

Dr. Carroll H. Weggeman, Regional Geologist, Region II, Omaha, in northeast July 27; out south July 29.

Carl P. Russell, Supervisor of Research and Information, National Park Service, Washington, in west July 27; out south July 29.

K. Wolfe, Liaison Officer, CCC, Presidio of San Francisco, California, in north July 28; out northeast July 30.

W. C. Hilgedick, Associate Radio Engineer, National Park Service, Region IV, San Francisco, California, in north July 19; out July 29.

Robert A.Thompson, Forester, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in July 18; out July 29.

Jack S. Barrows, Associate Forester, National Park Service, Washington, in east July 18; out east July 29.

B. B. Sanford, Forester, Region IV, San Francisco, in July 17; out west July 24.

J. B. Dodd, Associate Forester, Region IV, San Francisco, California, in July 18; out west July 24.

Harry L. Dunham, Administrative Inspector, Region II, Omaha, Nebraska, in south July 20; out July 29.

Malcolm B. Fortier, Major, U.S. Army, District Commander, CCC, Pocatello, Idaho, in park July 29.

Howard J. Liston, Major, U. S. Army, District Executive Officer, CCC, Pocatello, Idaho, in on July 29.

E. N. W. Lane, Junior Engineer, National Park Service, Region II, Omaha; Victor G. McLeod, Assistant Junior Engineer; and Gordon F. Rock, Assistant Junior Engineer, arrived via east gate July 17 to aid in making topographic and other surveys in the park.

140 - Status of Private Lands

Negotiations continued during the month in connection with the purchase of private lands in the park between Gardiner and Reese Creek and satisfactory progress has been made. An option for the sale of the Tony Stermitz property was received from Mr. Stermitz while it is expected that no difficulty will be encountered in obtaining the property of the Child estate. A question of price has arisen in connection with the Lena Bassett Ross property while a refusal to sell has been received from Roy Armstrong for his property.

150 - Plans, Maps and Surveys

Principal surveying activities were the laying out of the Fishing Bridge trailer camp, starting some at Old Faithful, and studies made for changes in sewer systems at Old Faithful and Canyon.

160 - General Publicity

The regular weekly releases of news stories were prepared by Publicity Director Sig Mickelson and a number of Associated Press and United Press wire stories were sent out in connection with the Mirror Plateau fire, the visit of Governor Stark of Missouri, and party, and several conventions. A few pictures of the fire were released. Edwin L. Wisherd, photographer for the National Geographic Magazine, was in the park most of the month obtaining kodachrome pictures for a special park article which is to be prepared by Frederick G. Vosburgh of the editorial staff of the National Geographic Magazine for an early release in the magazine. Ross Madden of Livingston, Montana, received an assignment from Life Magazine to obtain pictures of "savage" life in the park for a story on the "Savages of Yellowstone" which is to be used

by that magazine.

170 - General Complaints

A comparatively small number of written complaints were received at the Superintendent's office, copies of which were sent to Washington. These complaints were referred to the operators concerned and answers were sent to the writers.

200 - Maintenance, New Construction and Improvements

210 - Maintenance

Seal coating operations continued on almost all the roads; about 10 miles completed between Lake and Canyon.

220 - New Construction

Proj. 584 - New Trail Construction: The platform at Lookout Point was about 75% completed.

Proj. 595 - Grand Loop 1-C2 Power Line Removal: Final hookups are being made.

Proj. 602 - Replacement of Foot Bridges and Paths in Black Sand Basin: Slight delays on material delivery prevented completion of this work; now about 90% complete.

PWA Construction - WT 266-b: Excavation on sewer ditch was about finished and excavation on sludge bed started.

PWA WT 266-c: The power house was framed and power line cleared.

PWA LF 266-d: Reservoir excavation was finished, the well on the pump line started.

PWA LF 266-e: The manholes were completed, the job about 95% complete.

PWA LF 266-f: All poles were set, wiring of same about 80% complete.

PWA OP 266-g: Power house was completed except for final roofing and inside work.

PWA OP 267: Foundations on Mt. Washburn Lookout were completed, form work for second floor about 30% complete.

230 - Special Improvement Activities

The ERA set up camp at Canyon and started trail and road improvements there. They also continued landscaping in the Mammoth area.

C.C.C. - New enrollees were received in all four of our CCC camps during July, bring the Company strength up to approximately 200 men in each camp.

Progress on all jobs during the first half of July was very good. Due to the fire, progress the last half of July on most of the jobs was at a standstill since 600 CCC boys from our four camps were fighting fire.

Main jobs for the two Mammoth camps, YNP #1 and #7, were campground development--Mammoth, sewer lines in the cabin area, water system for the Buffalo Ranch, lookout tower at Mount Norris and roadside cleanup.

At Camp YNP #8 the main projects were the water and sewer system at Canyon, roadside cleanup, and the construction of the new CCC camp at Canyon. A 25-man side camp was put in at Thumb and they are working on the West Thumb campground.

At Camp YNP #5 main projects are tail maintenance around Old Faithful, campground maintenance, roadside cleanup, preparation of material and the establishment of a side camp at Gallatin. This side camp will work on the Gallatin-West Yellowstone telephone line, the new water system in the Gallatin Area, and the new lookout tower near Gallatin.

There were no jobs completed during the month of July, 1939.

300 - Activities of Other Agencies in the Park

310 - Park Operators

The various operators in the park carried on their businesses with comparatively few complaints but despite the fact that travel was ahead of last year the businesses of the operators were somewhat less. The general opinion is that travelers are spending less money, moving faster, and trying to cover as much ground as possible within the time at their disposal. Reports indicate that the same situation as exists in the park pertains outside and businessmen are complaining that they are not receiving business commensurate with the travel.

The Yellowstone Park Company is well on its way to improving the cabin and lodge accommodations in the park and considerable progress has already been made in remodeling those at Old Faithful.

320 - Cooperating Governmental Agencies

The National Reemployment Service maintained its office in the park throughout the month to furnish labor to the various contractors, the office being in charge of R. A. Clark of Helena.

Bureau of Public Roads Projects: Guy H. Jones has finished about 52% on the Gardiner River Bridge.

Max J. Kuney has completed about 55% on the Northeast Entrance road.

Taggart Construction Company completed about 20% on the East Entrance road.

These new cottages, which are being operated in connection with the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, combine privacy with modern facilities and are proving popular with Yellowstone Park visitors.

Photo by Skinner.

Modern cottages grouped around attractive courts have provided a new and popular type of public accommodation at Mammoth Hot Springs.

Photo by Skinner.

McLaughlin and Nelson finished about 40% on roads near West Thumb.

Olaf Nelson Construction Company completed about 65% of the South Entrance road surfacing.

McNutt Brothers have completed about 85% on the East Approach road grading.

Bureau of Fisheries - The total egg collection at Lake Hatchery was 36,065,070 Blackspotted eggs. The spawning operation is now completed, the last collection having been made July 24 at Hatchery Creek.

At Pelican Creek the trap racks were left in the water through the month and a total of 249 suckers have been taken and destroyed this year. Although this number is less than last year, it is quite possible that a number of suckers spawned below the trap as the water was low and conditions were good. It is therefore safe to predict that no reduction in the number of exotic suckers has been made although the increase has apparently been curbed.

The creek census undertaken by Marion Madsen of the Bureau of Fisheries in cooperation with park rangers and boat dock employees is working very well. The figures collected to date are as follows:

Actual count at boat docks and Fishing Bridge. . . .	43,546 fish
Actual count of shore fishermen made by Madsen every 3 days (2,117)-2,117 x 3 =	6,351
It is estimated that 1/4 of fish caught are tabulated or 6351 x 4	25,404 "
Total fish taken from Yellowstone Lake during July -	68,950 "

In contacting fishermen Madsen has been refused information by only one person. He has found few violations but believes there is a need for a 2-page pamphlet giving summary of regulations, species of fish in different waters and methods of catching fish.

400 - Interpretation

410 - Lecture and Guide Service

During the month of July the Naturalist Department conducted 626 trips, including auto caravans, hiking trips, game stalks and special parties, and gave 617 lectures at various locations in the park. Two lectures were given by the Park Naturalist outside of the park, one on July 18 at the Episcopal Assembly on Mill Creek, north of the park, and the other on July 27 at the Forest Service Campground in Templed Hills, also on Mill Creek.

430 - Research and Observation

432 - Zoology

Trumpeter Swan - The four cygnets and two adults on Obsidian Lake are

disappeared by July 4. On this date two adult swans were on Beaver Lake but left the following day. Obsidian Lake was visited again on July 22 but there were no swans present.

The five cygnets at Swan Lake disappeared the first part of the month. Investigations of these losses point to animals or birds as the cause and there is no evidence that disturbance by man has entered into the picture.

At Grebe Lake, where 10 to 15 fishermen are present daily, the three cygnets are doing nicely as are the four young otero at Beach Spring.

Tentative arrangements are being made with the Biological Survey to conduct a cooperative swan census August 9 and 10.

Bear Control - Comparative bear incidents through July 31 for 1938 and 1939 are as follows:

	Injuries		Damages	
	1938	1939	1938	1939
June	18	11	6	6
July	38	32	9	14
TOTAL -	56	43	15	20

TOTAL INCIDENTS - (1938) - 71 (1939) - 63

This year four bears have been killed as compared with 21 at the same time last year. Three young black bears have been killed by automobiles and two have been shipped to zoos this year.

In July feeding bears resulted in 10 injuries, photographing caused 12 and 10 others were attributed to miscellaneous reasons such as petting, teasing and walking too near bears being viewed by crowds.

433 - Geology

Two young men from the University of Wisconsin, one a curator of geological exhibits at the University Museum, and the other a senior student, made a detailed study of the contact between the rhyolite and basalt on the Gardiner River at the south end of the Sheepeater Cliffs. The problem involved the study of the contact, the preparation of a map, and a collection of evidence to explain why the rhyolite basalt contact is a gradational one. The hypothesis proposed is that both the rhyolite and the basalt were in a molten or semi-molten condition when they fused.

500 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public

510 Increase or Decrease in Travel

See attached report.

520 - Visitors

Hon. Harlan F. Stone, Justice of the Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., arrived via the south entrance July 11; departed via the west July 12.

Hon. Lloyd C. Stark, Governor of Missouri, and party, in north July 11 for a one day trip of the north loop.

Major General Albert J. Bowley, United States Army, Commander of the Ninth Corps Area, San Francisco, arrived via west gate July 12 and left via south on the 14th.

Major General Herbert Jay Brees, United States Army, Commander of the Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, arrived via the east gate July 15.

Edwin L. Chloupek, Czechoslovakian Minister, San Francisco, arrived via the east July 12.

William B. Greeley, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Campfire Club of America and outstanding conservationist, in west 14th; out west 17th.

George S. Rice, prominent mining engineer, New York City, and for many years Chief of the Bureau of Mines, in west July 21, out west 24th.

Mrs. Ford Brown, prominent novelist and short story writer for Saturday Evening Post and Good Housekeeping, in north July 15. Mrs. Brown is obtaining material for a Yellowstone mystery story.

600 - Protection

610 - Ranger Service

The services of twelve permanent and five seasonal rangers were required in suppressing the Astringent Creek fire and as this occurred during the period of heaviest travel the remaining personnel at the various stations was hard pressed to keep abreast of the unusual volume of routine work incident to the heavy travel season. By the close of month these men were able to resume their regular duties.

The land acquisition program continued to require a considerable part of the time of two of the headquarters' personnel.

620 - Police Protection

A total of forty-five cases were tried before the U. S. Commissioner during July. These were classified as follows:

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Defacing hot springs formations	4
Petty larceny	1
Molesting wild animals.	2
Renting boats	1
Assault	1
Fishing violations.	8
Molesting property.	1
Traffic violations.	27

Four persons were given jail sentences of three months each and two were given sentences of five months. Fines assessed totaled $744.50. Fishing equipment confiscated included one boat and two outboard motors.

630 - Wildlife Protection and Fish Cultural Activities

Fish Planting - The following plants were made in July:

Rainbow	- #1 fingerling	246,000	Blackspotted	- Eyed eggs	1,450,000
"	#6 fingerling	2,000	"	Advanced Fry	1,220,000

The rainbow were trucked from the Ennis hatchery and the blackspotted trout came from Bozeman, Big Timber and Yellowstone Lake.

640 - Forest Fire Protection

The first fire of the season occurred on July 1 in the Old Faithful district. It was a lightning caused fire and was held to Class A in size. On July 14 and 15 severe lightning storms were reported from all fire weather stations. On July 14 six fires were reported, three of which were lightning caused and three of which were incendiary. Three more lightning fires were reported on July 15, including the Astringent Creek fire which reached Class C size before it was controlled. On July 16 and 17 two more incendiary fires were reported in the Lake district. Several emergency fire guards and rangers were employed in an attempt to apprehend the person responsible for the incendiarism.

The total number of fires occurring this month was as follows:

		CAUSE		
Class	No.	Lightning	Incendiary	Smoker
A	19	7	9*	3
B	2	2		
C	1	1		
TOTAL -	22	10	9	3

*It has not been definitely established that two of these fires were of incendiary origin but because of their location it did not appear that they could have been either smoker or camper fires and they occurred at a time when they obviously could not have been started from lightning.

The Astringent Creek fire was reported on the morning of July 15. Upon arrival at the scene of the fire it was discovered that there were actually two fires, one of which was in a blind area from the lookout and about two miles to the northeast of the fire reported. Both fires crowned out on July 15. Despite the effort of the fire fighters employed, it was impossible to control the fire. A total acreage of 2500 acres were burned before the fire was finally brought under control. By July 20, 700 men were employed on the fire, including CCC enrollees, Forest Service and National Park Service employees.

Two strings of pack mules were borrowed from the U. S. Forest Service at Missoula and additional equipment and supplies were borrowed and purchased from the same source and delivered to the fire camps by airplane.

The fire was under control and placed on a patrol basis after July 26. Fourteen Pacific pumps and 18,300 feet of hose were used in controlling and extinguishing the fire. Our own equipment was used to supply 250 men and equipment consisting of tools, bedding and mess equipment for the other 450 men was borrowed from the Forest Service.

600 - Accidents

A total of 42 automobile accidents were reported during the month of July of which three involved government-owned vehicles and one involving a privately-owned car which was of a serious nature.

A brief resume of each of the accidents involving government-owned vehicles and the one serious accident of the month is given below:

On July 2, 1939 at 9:00 p.m. a Ford pickup truck, Service No. (CCC 86509), driven by W. Rhoten, CCC enrollee, Ass't Leader, Camp YNP-1, Co. 535, was struck by another car 1/2 mile north of Morris ranger station. No information is available on the other car involved in the accident.

At about 9:15 a.m. July 18, 1939, N.P.S. truck, Service No. 555, driven by Gordon Allen, was struck by a bakery truck resulting in the displacement of 1,020 gallons of gasoline. The owner and identity of the bakery truck has not been determined to date.

On July 19, 1938 at 4:45 p.m., Oscar W. Wallace and John Patterson of the Mammoth CCC Camp No. 548, driving CCC trucks, Service Nos. 88278 and 88279 respectively, collided on the Pelican Creek road.

On July 28, 1939 at about 11:15 p.m. near Lake Junction, a 1928 model Plymouth coupe, Montana license No. 49-1256, driven by Miss Betty Harrard, employee at the Lake Hotel, skidded and ran backwards over a ditch and up a four foot embankment. Two of the three girls who were riding in the baggage compartment were thrown to the ground. The other passenger who was riding in the baggage compartment was caught between the rear bumper and the car and was dragged underneath the car.

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Two airdrops of food and supplies were performed from the U. S. Forest Service on Thursday and additional equipment and supplies were received and purchased from the same source and delivered to the fire camps by airplane.

The fire was under control and placed on a patrol basis after July 26. Between twelve and fifteen men and 10,000 feet of hose were used in controlling and extinguishing the fire. No air equipment was used to supply 25 men and equipment consisting of tools, feeding and camp equipment for the other 25 men was borrowed from the Forest Service.

(2) - Incidents

A total of 19 automobile accidents were reported during the month of July of which three involved government-owned vehicles and one involving a privately-owned car which was of a serious nature.

A brief resume of each of the accidents involving government-owned vehicles and the one serious accident of the month is given below:

On July 9, 1957 at 2:00 p.m. a four ton dump truck, service No. (NCO 86200), driven by R. Thomas, CNC operative, left Lemoore Army Ord. No. 135, was struck by another car in the vicinity of Lemoore resulting slight damage. No information is available as to which car was involved in the accident.

At about 9:10 a.m. July 10, 1957, a three ton truck, service No. 5[illegible], driven by Jordan Allen, was struck by a heavy truck resulting in the displacement of 1,000 gallons of gasoline. The owner and identity of the heavy truck has not been determined to date.

On July 30, 1957 at 1:15 p.m., Oscar A. Collins and John Simmons of the Seventh CNC Camp No. 1[illegible], driving CNC trucks, Service Nos. 8[illegible]3 and 8[illegible]7 respectively, collided on the Jackson Creek road.

On July 30, 1957 at about 11:15 p.m. one John Doe driving a 1957 model Plymouth coupe, Kansas license No. [illegible], driven by Joe Smith owner, employee of the Lake Total, collided and met Bookwards over a ditch and up a long dirt embankment. Two of the house girls who were riding in the passenger compartment were thrown to the ground. The other passenger who was riding in the luggage compartment was caught between the rear bumper and the car and was dragged approximately the car.

Dropping fire equipment and supplies from airplane
Astringent Creek Fire
Photos by J. W. Emmert

Air views showing burned areas in vicinity of [illegible],
Fern and Tern Lakes

Photos by J. W. Emmert

900 - Miscellaneous

Three deaths occurred in the park during the month. Mrs. Fanney Hobson of Washington Court House, Ohio, 76, died of a heart attack at Old Faithful on July 13. Myrtle Hoffner of Lexington, Illinois, 63, died of apoplexy at Old Faithful on July 29. The third death, Julia Eldred, age 3, of Gardiner, occurred while the child was being rushed to the Hospital at Mammoth from Gardiner, following an accident in which she was hit by a car in the streets of Gardiner outside the park.

Edward D. Rogers,
Superintendent.

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TRAVEL REPORT

..... National Park for the month of .....

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